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1. I SAW VICE FOREIGN MINISTER SPASOWSKI OCTOBER 12 AND CONVEYED TO HIM THE SUBSTANCE OF REF.

2. SPASOWSKI SAID HE WOULD PASS OUR COMMENTS ON TO HIS PRINCIPALS AND ASSURED ME THEY WOULD RECEIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. HE SAID HE WISHED TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY REMARKS ABOUT WHAT I HAD SAID.

3. WREATH-LAYING. SPASOWSKI SAID IT WAS CUSTOMARY AT WARSAW FOR THE VISITING CHIEF OF STATE TO LAY A WREATH AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE AFTER HIS ARRIVAL. HE SAID I COULD UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE WITH WHICH THIS SYMBOLIC ACT WAS VIEWED BY ALL POLES, REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL ORIENTATION, SINCE THE TOMB SYMBOLIZED THE WORLDWIDE SACRIFICES OF POLES DURING BOTH WORLD WARS. AS I KNEW, HE ADDED, THE URNS BY WHICH THE ETERNAL FLAME IS FLANKED CONTAIN SOIL FROM THE BATTLEFIELDS ON WHICH POLES GAVE THEIR LIVES, ALL THE WAY FROM NARVIK IN NORWAY TO MONTE CASSINO AND THE WESTERN DESERT, AND FROM LENINO IN THE USSR TO DUNKIRK AND ARNHEM. IF WE WERE TO THINK ABOUT
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PUTTING THIS CEREMONY LATER, SPASOWSKI SAID, WE WOULD BEGIN TO RUN INTO PROBLEMS. THERE WILL BE A CONFLICT WITH LUNCHEON PLANS AND THE TIME SET ASIDE FOR TALKS. AS I KNEW, AT THE BEGINNING OF DECEMBER IN WARSAW, IT BEGINS TO GET DARK BETWEEN 3:30 AND 4:00 P.M. HE WAS NOT SURE HOW THE SECURITY PERSONNEL WOULD REACT TO THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING THE CEREMONY IN THE PRESENCE OF A LARGE CROWD ONCE TWILIGHT HAD SET IN. STRESSING THAT THESE WERE

HIS PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS, SPASOWSKI SAID HE HOPED WE COULD HAVE A DIALOGUE ON THIS SUBJECT, AND THE OTHER EVENTS WE WERE PLANNING, RECOGNIZING ON BOTH SIDES THAT EVERYTHING WE WERE TALKING ABOUT WAS ONLY PROVISIONAL SO FAR.

4. COMMENT: IF, AS I ANTICIPATE AND RECOMMEND, WE GIVE ADVANCE PUBLICITY VIA VOA TO THE PRESIDENT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE WREATH-LAYING, THERE WILL BE A VERY LARGE CROWD TO WITNESS THE CEREMONY. AS I ENVISAGE IT, THE WREATH-LAYING WILL BE THE PRESIDENT'S PRINCIPAL OPPORTUNITY -- IF HE WISHES TO AVAIL HIMSELF OF IT -- TO EXCHANGE A FEW WORDS WITH THE ORDINARY PEOPLE OF WARSAW AND VICINITY, FOLLOWING HIS PERFORMANCE OF THE CENTRAL ROLE IN A CEREMONY WHICH, AS SPASOWSKI CORRECTLY NOTES, HAS HIGH SYMBOLIC VALUE IN THE EYES OF ALL POLES. (NATURALLY, SPASOWSKI DID NOT MENTION IT, BUT MOST POLES REGARD THE TOMB, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE TWO WARS, AS SYMBOLIZING NOT ONLY THE POLES WHO DIED IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR IN THE EFFORT TO RESTORE THEIR COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE, BUT ALSO THOSE WHO FELL SUCCESSFULLY RESISTING THE SOVIET INVASION IN 1919-1920. IT ALSO COMMEMORATES THE VICTIMS OF THE WARSAW UPRISING OF 1944.) I DO NOT KNOW HOW THE SECRET SERVICE WOULD REACT TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A CEREMONY IN TWILIGHT OR AFTER DARK, BUT I WOULD REGRET THE INHIBITIONS ON THE CEREMONY, AND THE RECORDING OF IT, WHICH DARKNESS WOULD IMPOSE. END COMMENT.

5. WHEN I HAD VOICED OUR OPPOSITION TO THE IDEA OF SEPARATE
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COUNTERPART LUNCHEES AND SEPARATE COUNTERPART MEETINGS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE OR AFTER LUNCH AND OUR PREFERENCE FOR A WORKING LUNCH INVOLVING, FROM THE U.S. SIDE, THE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, DR. BRZEZINSKI, AND A FEW OTHER SENIOR ADVISORS, SPASOWSKI SAID, "A 'WORKING LUNCH' IS REGRETTABLY NOT A POLISH CONCEPT." HE EXPRESSED THE FEAR THAT, WITH FOUR OR FIVE ON THE U.S. SIDE, JAROSZEWICZ AND JABLONSKI WOULD HAVE TO BE ADDED ON THE POLISH SIDE. THEN, HE SAID, IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE FEWER THAN A TOTAL OF SEVEN OR EIGHT ON THE POLISH SIDE, TO WHICH INTERPRETERS WOULD HAVE TO BE ADDED. THE LUNCH WOULD THEN REQUIRE TOASTS. WE ALREADY HAD ONE LARGE, FORMAL SOCIAL FUNCTION SCHEDULED: THE EVENING DINNER, HE SAID. HE HAD HOPED THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO AVOID A SECOND ONE, SINCE THAT WOULD MEAN THAT BETWEEN FIVE AND SIX HOURS OF THE PRESIDENT'S ALL-TOO-BRIEF TIME IN WARSAW WOULD BE ENGROSSED BY THESE PROTOCOL-BOUND FUNCTIONS.

6. SPASOWSKI SAID THAT, ACCORDING TO A REPORT RECEIVED FROM THE POLISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, THE PRESIDENT WAS CONTEMPLATING INVITING THREE SENATORS AND THREE REPRESENTATIVES TO ACCOMPANY HIM (THE NAMES OF SENATOR SPARKMAN AND CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI HAD BEEN MENTIONED, HE SAID).

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7. SPASOWSKI SAID THAT, IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO DEAL SENSIBLY WITH THE QUESTION OF LUNCH, WE SHOULD PERHAPS START BY TAKING THE LIST OF THE OFFICIAL U.S. PARTY. ONLY WHEN THIS LIST IS IN HAND, HE SAID, WILL IT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE POLES TO DO SOME PLANNING THAT MAY BE ACCEPTABLE. FOR EXAMPLE, HE SAID, IF, AS I HAD INDICATED, ONLY THE PRESIDENT, THE SECRETARY, AND DR. BRZEZINSKI, WITH PERHAPS ONE OR TWO OTHER SENIOR ADVISERS, WERE INVOLVED, THAT WOULD BE ONE THING--ALTHOUGH, EVEN THEN, HE CONTINUED, HE WAS AFRAID THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE INCLUDED ON THE POLISH SIDE, WITH AN INEVITABLE TENDENCY TOWARDS ESCALATION FROM THERE. BUT IT WOULD THEN BE NECESSARY TO MAKE SEPARATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR OTHER RANKING MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY. SENATOR SPARKMAN, CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI, AND THEIR CONGRESSIONAL COLLEAGUES WOULD HAVE TO BE APPROPRIATELY RECEIVED. OF COURSE, HE ADDED, IT WOULD BE UP TO THE U.S. SIDE TO INFORM THEM THAT THEY WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRESIDENTIAL LUNCHEON AT THE INSTANCE OF THE U.S. SIDE ITSELF. I SAID I KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE INCLUSION OF THESE DISTINGUISHED LEGISLATORS IN THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY. AS HE HIMSELF HAD SAID, WE WERE ONLY EXCHANGING PRELIMINARY COMMENTS.

8. IT HAD BEEN PRECISELY AS A MEANS OF TRYING TO AVOID THE TRANSFORMATION OF LUNCH INTO THE SECOND, LARGE, PROTOCOLARY MEAL OF THE DAY, SPASOWSKI CONTINUED, THAT THE POLISH SIDE HAD
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SUGGESTED THE SMALLER GATHERINGS ABOUT WHICH HE HAD EARLIER TALKED ON SEPTEMBER 27. AS FOR WHAT I HAD SAID EARLIER ABOUT LEAVING THE WREATH-LAYING AND/OR PERHAPS A VISIT TO THE ROYAL CASTLE FOR THE PERIOD 1500 TO 1545 HOURS, SPASOWSKI SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THERE WOULD NO LONGER BE SUCH A PERIOD TO WORRY ABOUT IF IT TURNED OUT THAT WE HAD THE LARGE LUNCH I HAD SUGGESTED. SUCH A LUNCHEON, WITH ITS MULTIPLE COURSES AND LENGTHY TOASTS, COULD BE EXPECTED TO LAST AT LEAST TWO-AND ONE HALF HOURS. THE QUESTION WOULD THEN BECOME ONE OF FINDING ENOUGH TIME FOR THE PLENARY SESSION OF TALKS BEFORE THE PRESIDENT HAD TO LEAVE FOR HIS PRIVATE TIME AT WILANOW PALACE.

9. I SAID I WOULD CONVEY TO WASHINGTON WHAT SPASOWSKI HAD SAID, AS HIS PRELIMINARY REACTION. I SAID I WOULD ASK FOR THE LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY AND, IF THERE WERE TO BE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO LISTS, FOR A SEPARATE LISTING OF THOSE WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE LUNCHEON WITH THE PRESIDENT.

10. COMMENT. THE INFIGHTING ON THE POLISH SIDE TO ATTEND THE LUNCHEON WILL BE FIERCE, AS SPASOWSKI INDICATES. I THINK THE MOST INTERESTING NUANCE WHICH EMERGED FROM HIS PRESENTATION WAS THE HOPE THAT THE FORMAT WOULD BE SUCH AS TO ENABLE THE POLISH SIDE NOT TO HAVE TO INCLUDE JAROSZEWICZ (AND, CONSEQUENTLY, JABLONSKI). END COMMENT.

11. SPASOWSKI SAID THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM ABOUT EXCHANGING REMARKS AT THE AIRPORT ARRIVAL CEREMONY. HE SAID THAT, IN WASHINGTON, WHEN FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK WAS RECEIVED THERE, THE REMARKS ON EACH SIDE HAD RUN ABOUT FOUR-TO-FIVE MINUTES. HE ASSUMED THE SAME WOULD BE THE CASE ON DECEMBER 1 AT OKECIE AIRPORT.

12. SPASOWSKI ASKED IF I HAD RECEIVED ANY REACTION FROM WASHINGTON
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TO THE SUGGESTIONS HE HAD MADE ON SEPTEMBER 27 ABOUT THE PROGRAM FOR MRS. CARTER. I SAID I HAD NOT YET RECEIVED ANY REACTION WHICH I COULD PASS ON TO HIM.
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